

REMARKS

Independent claims 1, 5, 7, and 11 are amended to clarify the invention. Claims 4, 8, 9, 12, 13, 18, 19, and 20 are cancelled. Applicants reserve the right to pursue subject matter of the original claims (prior to amendment) and subject matter of the cancelled claims in subsequent prosecution. Claims 1-3, 5-7, 10-11, and 14-17 remain. Reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

The claims as amended are thought to be definite, and the rejection of the claims under 35 USC §112, second paragraph, is now moot.

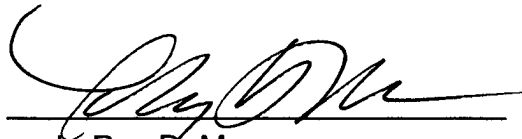
The Office Action does not establish that claims 1-20 are unpatentable under 35 USC §103(a) over "Nguyen" (US patent number 6,304,915 to Nguyen et al.) in view of "Chien" (US patent publication number 2003/0115345 to Chien et al.). The rejection is respectfully traversed because a *prima facie* case of obviousness has not been established. The rejection is now moot, however, in view of the amendments made to the claims.

In response to the requirement for information under 37 CFR 1.105, the information required to be submitted is unknown or not readily accessible.

Withdrawal of the rejections and reconsideration of the claims are respectfully requested in view of the remarks set forth above. No extension of time is believed to be necessary for consideration of this response. However, if an extension of time is required, please consider this a petition for a sufficient number of months for consideration of this response. If there are any additional fees in connection with this response, please charge Deposit Account No. 50-0996 (HPCO.046PA).

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